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Austin Police Department Explorer Posts to receive national recognition

The Austin Police Department's north and south Explorer Posts will receive the President's Volunteer Service Award on Saturday, April 17, 2010 at 9 a.m. at the State Capitol.

The President's Volunteer Service Award is a national award given to individuals who have achieved a certain number of volunteer community service hours in their community.

Since January 2009 the Explorers have completed over 6,000 hours of volunteer work in the community. The community projects have included neighborhood clean-ups, assisting with safety fairs, National Night Out, area food drives, and crime prevention programs.

Members of the APD Executive team, Congressman Lloyd Doggett and Senator Kirk Watson will present the youth with a lapel pin, certificate of appreciation and a letter from President Obama, thanking the group for their work within the community.

The APD Explorer Program is a program that consists of boys and girls between the ages of 15-20 who have an interest in law enforcement. The youth attend weekly meetings where they train in areas including patrol tactics, forensics, communications, criminal investigations, and leadership. Currently, there are 30 youth involved in the APD Explorer Program.

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